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1. WE HAVE CONTACTED EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN THE FOOD AID AND EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) DIVISIONS TO UPDATE INFORMATION CONCERNING EC RELIEF EFFORTS FOR SOMALIA.

2. FOOD AID: IN ADDITION TO FOOD AID RECENTLY PROVIDED (REFTELS A, B AND C), THE EC COMMISSION WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT FOR COUNCIL DECISION A PROPOSED FIRST INSTALLMENT OF THE 1974/75 FOOD AID PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA. THIS FIRST "TRANCHE" WOULD CONSIST OF 15,000 TONS OF CEREALS, 710 TONS OF MILK POWDER AND 150 TONS OF BUTTEROIL. (A, SECOND "TRANCHE", AS A RESERVE--10,000 TONS OF CEREALS, 2,000 TONS

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OF MILK POWDER AND 850 TONS OF BUTTEROIL--IS BEING CONSIDERED WITHIN THE COMMISSION BUT WILL NOT BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL

UNTIL THERE IS A CLEARER INDICATION OF SOMALI ASSISTANCE NEEDS
LATER IN THE YEAR.) DELIVERIES OF THE FIRST INSTALLMENT WOULD
BEGIN IN MARCH.

3. WE BRIEFED THE COMMISSION FOOD AID OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SOMALIA (MOLINIER) ON THE STATUS OF THE US ASSISTANCE EFFORT
(REFTEL D AND PREVIOUS). HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT BEING
KEPT INFORMED AND ASKED THAT WE PASS ON SPECIFICS REGARDING
SHIPMENT AND ETA'S OF US FOOD DONATIONS TO SOMALIA WHEN THE
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. HE WILL RECIPROCATATE.

4. EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF): THE COMMISSION'S EDF
COMMITTEE APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 3, A NON-REIMBURSABLE EMERGENCY
AID CONTRIBUTION FOR SOMALIA OF 1,470,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT (UA)
(APPROXIMATELY \$1.78 MILLION). THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS
TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RESOURCES FOR LOCAL PURCHASE OF FOOD-
STUFFS NOT COVERED BY THE FOOD AID PROGRAM (I.E., SUGAR, TEA), FOR
EMERGENCY RAILROAD REPAIRS, URGENT WATER SUPPLY OPERATIONS, AND
FOR THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINE. AN EDF OFFICIAL TELLS
US THAT THIS NEW EMERGENCY RELIEF MEASURE SUPPLEMENTS A PREVIOUS
COMMITMENT OF 240,000 UA ALLOCATED BY THE EDF FOR SOMALI DROUGHT
RELIEF.

5. COMMENT: IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH MOLINIER (PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF
REF E) WE NOTED THAT SOME REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE SITUATION
APPEARED TO BE EASING SOMEWHAT, YET THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO TRIPLE
ITS FOOD AID PROGRAM (NOT COUNTING THE RESERVE PROPOSAL UNDER
CONSIDERATION). HE SAID THAT RECENT INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE
SITUATION MAY DETERIORATE AND THAT THE COMMISSION WANTS TO BE
PREPARED TO ACT PROMPTLY. GREENWALD

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